Capital Investment unable to provide job to local

†2414. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the media reports captioned Investors have failed to provide job avenues to locals;

(b if so, whether the Chief Minister of Sikkim has expressed his view that the locals are not getting employment inspite of the additional capital investment; and

(c) if so, whether Government have ascertained the reasons for hurdles in creation of employment opportunities even after the capital investment alongwith the details of these hurdles?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Deplorable condition of workers in unorganised sector

2415. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that over 394.9 million workers constituting 86 per cent of the country's labour force in the unorganized sector work under utterly-deplorable conditions with-extremely few livelihood options;

(b) whether it is also a fact that 79 per cent of the unorganised workers in the country earn less than Rs. 20 a day and the euphoria of the buoyant economy could not touch this lot; and

(c) if so; the steps Government propose to take to reduce the plight of unorganised worker by having appropriate legislation and targeted programmes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR. FERNANDES): (a) to (c) As per the Report given by the National Commission for Enterprises in the Unorganized Sector (NCEUS), at the end of 2004-05, about 836 million or 77% of the population were living below Rs. 20/- per day. To provide social security to the workers in the unorganized sector, Government is considering to enact central legislation during the current Session of Parliament.

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